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Mr. William E. Colby Director, Central Intelligence Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Colby:

In my letter to you of October 24, 1974, I pointed out the role of the national nuclear laboratories in their support role to the AEC (ERDA) and other USIB agencies.

Since I spoke to you on November 24, 1974, I have determined that it would be most useful, consistent with security requirements, to treat the national nuclear laboratories as an extension of my intelligence functions. I, therefore, plan to use the laboratories in a direct technical support role and I will provide them with whatever current data produced by the collection programs is available consistent with their "need to know."

I believe that this will enable the laboratories to enhance their technical support role to all USIB agencies.

Sincerely,

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